

Oakland City Hall
14th and Washington Streets
Oakland
Alameda County
California

HABS No. CA-419

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY Alameda	TOWN OR VICINITY Oakland
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Oakland City Hall		HABS NO. CA-419
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE NONE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 14th and Washington Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) * 1911-1914	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) * Palmer and Hornbostel	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Done by a nationally prominent architectural firm, who won this commission and two others for city halls in competitions. Oakland city hall is a blending of Beaux Arts planning and contemporary skyscraper architecture.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Beaux Arts		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) faced in granite and terra cotta, it has a steel and concrete foundation, and steel structure		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular tower on wider rectangular base		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE ornate detailing such as cupola, balustrades, eagles and capitals, multi-story entrance bay		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) large, tall public spaces such as grand staircase, vestibule, rotunda, and council chambers		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES offices renovated as occupancy changes (several departments such as fire have moved out) council chamber redecorated in 1957		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE use unchanged, condition is ok		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Built as a multifunctional city hall, not only housing administrative departments, but also a jail and an emergency hospital		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Source of all information is report for the city prepared by Kenneth H. Cardwell, FAIA and included in field records		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Bill Lebovich, HABS		DATE June 4, 1984